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In the Claims

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11. (Currently Amended) A method for alerting a viewer of a program, said method comprising:

issuing a first notification during a broadcast of an advertisement of an upcoming program, said first notification asking a viewer whether the viewer has interest in viewing the broadcast of the program;

receiving a signal indicating viewer interest in a program, the signal being generated by the viewer responding to the first notification;

retrieving program information in response to the received signal;

storing the program information in a processor system local to the viewer; and